

# 2007 Fire Prevention Parade

*Manchester NH Fire Department  
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**Are you prepared for a fire?** Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, reviewing the information below and taking action based on it to plan for a fire is strongly recommended... and don't forget to practice your escape plan during Fire Prevention Week!

The Manchester Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau and Manchester Fire Prevention Committee offer the following fire safety tips:

**\* Make an escape plan.** When a fire occurs there's no time for planning. Sit down with your family and develop a plan for escaping in the event of a fire. These plans should include two escape routes out, a meeting place for the family to gather when everyone's out of the building, and the nearest phone to call the Fire Department.

**\* Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of small children.** Matches and lighters are dangerous tools in the hands of small children. A large majority of fires every year are caused by children playing with matches and lighters.

**\* Be fire safe in the kitchen.** Keep appliances clean, don't leave cooking unattended, use extreme caution when cooking where children are present, and keep a fire extinguisher available for use in the event of a small fire.

**\* Install Smoke Detectors.** Smoke detectors should be installed in all sleeping areas. Smoke detectors should also be installed on all levels of the common areas of your home. Smoke detectors should be checked weekly. Remember, only a *working* smoke detector can protect you!

- Install working smoke alarms on every level; and inside and outside of each sleeping area.
- Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.
- Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.
- Practice using the plan, at least twice a year.
- Some studies have shown that some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm; they may need help waking up.
- If the smoke alarm sounds: Go to your closest exit, and if you run into smoke, turn and use another way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Don't take time to pick up belongings; just get out and help others get out. Move fast but stay calm.

The Manchester Fire Department will kick off "Fire Prevention Week" with New England's largest parade of fire apparatus on **Sunday, October 7, 2007**. Starting time for the parade is **12 o'clock** noon from the assembly point at Elm and Webster Streets. The parade will include all types of modern and antique fire apparatus. The parade route will begin at the Amoskeag Bridge and proceed southerly on Elm Street, terminating at Fire Department Headquarters, Merrimack and Pine Streets.

Plans call for an old fashioned firemen's muster, apparatus show and "firematic" flea market at the conclusion of the parade. The public is cordially invited to attend. Questions regarding this event may be directed to the Manchester Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau: 669-2256 x3400.